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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROCLAIM OLYMPIC WEEK

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 152]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution, (S. J. Res. 152) to authorize the President of the United States to proclaim Olympic Week, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommends that the resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating the 7-day period beginning May 18, 1952, as Olympic Week.

STATEMENT

The Olympic games will be held at Helsinki, Finland, from July 19 to August 3, 1952. Seventeen nations will send their men and women to represent them in these international contests. The public interest in the Olympic games is extensive and they have become an integral part of our national life. The Olympic games afford the opportunity for representatives of their respective nations to mingle with each other in the spirit of wholesome competition, thus contributing one to the other the understanding of peoples, their manners, customs, and skills.

The United States Olympic Association is a federally chartered group and is presently engaged in selecting individuals and teams to represent the United States in the games at Helsinki. Since the asso-

ciation is a nonprofit organization, deriving its funds from public contributions, and since the association has taken upon itself to equip, transport, feed, and house over 400 American amateur athletes to represent the United States in the 1952 games, the efforts of this association, the committee feels, should be supported and encouraged by the American people. The accomplishments of the American teams in the Olympic games have redounded to the credit of the Nation. The committee feels emphatically that a proclamation designating the week of May 18 as Olympic Week is in keeping with the importance the Olympic games have taken on in the national scene.

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